

GOAT SQUEEZER TIMBER SALE PROJECT

APPENDIX A

LIST OF RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS

INTRODUCTION

In order to address direct, indirect, and cumulative effects on a landscape level, the analysis must incorporate past, present, and future actions within the analysis area. The following activities are located within the Goat Squeezer environmental-analysis area for vegetation on Swan River State Forest. The environmental analysis areas for watershed, wildlife, soils, and fisheries are smaller in size and encompass an area specific to those disciplines.

DNRC TIMBER SALE AND ROAD PROJECTS

State timber sales where environmental analyses have been completed and sale activities have begun or have been completed:

- South Wood Timber Sale EIS (completed in 2002)
- Small Squeezer Timber Sale (Checklist Environmental Assessment [EAC]) completed in 1999
- Small Squeezer II Timber Sale (EAC completed in 2000)
- High Blow '02 Salvage
- Soup Creek Salvage
- Multiple small salvage permits have been sold over the last several years. The project file contains a list.

State timber sale proposals with environmental reviews in progress:

- Old Whitetail Timber Sale Project Proposal (currently on hold)

- Napa Lookout Permit
- Big Blowdown Salvage

The proposed Lost Cilly Soup Timber Sale Project is identified on DNRC's 3-Year Listing as the next potential project for Swan River State Forest, but, as yet, has no initial proposal or proposed action. The potential project has not been scoped; therefore, DNRC has not initiated a preimpact study on this proposal.

SWAN VALLEY GRIZZLY BEAR CONSERVATION AGREEMENT

Beginning in December 1994, DNRC participated in the development of the SVGBCA with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Flathead National Forest (FNF), and Plum Creek Timber Company. The SVGBCA seeks to cooperatively manage grizzly bear habitat in Swan Valley, where intermingled-ownership patterns and differing land-management objectives complicate habitat management for a species as wide ranging as the grizzly bear. The USFWS evaluated the SVGBCA in an environmental assessment (EA) and found that implementing the management guidelines in the agreement would not negatively impact grizzly bears (USFWS 1995).

The Goat Squeezer Timber Sale Project area is within the conservation area delineated in the SVGBCA and complies with its guidance.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Reciprocal access agreements with Plum Creek Timber Company that may affect resources in the Goat Squeezer Timber Sale Project area include the Van Peak Road in Section 36, T23N, R17W.

DNRC is requesting from USFS permanent access through the Forest Road and Trail Agreement across Section 17, T23N, R17W (FR 554 and other USFS connector roads) and Section 5, T22N, R17W (FR 9758).

Another activity on adjacent ownership that may affect resources within the Goat Squeezer Timber Sale Project area is ongoing logging on land owned by Plum Creek Timber Company.